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MOST CHILDREN LIVE WITH TWO BIOLOGICAL PARENTS FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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ABOUT SIX IN EVERY TEN CHILDREN — NEARLY 45 MILLION — LIVE WITH THEIR BIOLOGICAL MOTHER AND FATHER, ACCORDING TO THE U-S CENSUS BUREAU. HOWEVER, TODAY'S REPORT SHOWS THAT ABOUT ONE IN EVERY SIX CHILDREN LIVE IN BLENDED FAMILIES. THAT MEANS THEY LIVE WITH A STEPPARENT, A STEPSIBLING AND/OR A HALF SIBLING. OVERALL, 94 PERCENT OF CHILDREN LIVE WITH AT LEAST ONE BIOLOGICAL PARENT, WHILE EIGHT PERCENT LIVE WITH AT LEAST ONE STEPPARENT AND TWO PERCENT WITH AT LEAST ONE ADOPTIVE PARENT. THERE WERE ALSO 13 MILLION CHILDREN LIVING IN EXTENDED FAMILIES, OFTEN WITH A GRANDPARENT. THE REPORT ON CHILDREN'S LIVING ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE FOUND AT W-W-W DOT-CENSUS DOT-GOV.

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